

Phladelphia Almas House July 4th 1844

Dear Brother & Sister

I received your affectionate Letter of May last, & sat down to answer it two ^{weeks} ago, but was called away before I could finish it. Circumstances have prevented my attempting it again until now. My attention was never more divided & taken up than ^{at present} the life of a Physician, if he have much practice is a very perplexing one - the idea would be a very unhappy one to me ^{if} I thought the practice of Medicine was to be my principal business thro' life. But I hope to be submissively to the will of Him who directs all things in infinite wisdom. When I shall go to the East Indies is yet to me uncertain - This unhappy war prevents our making any calculations - when that ceases, as I hope it will this Summer, we shall know more about our prospects - I calculate to visit you all before I bid adieu to my native Country - I feel for, & often think of your unpleasant condition - God is trying the faith of his children in Marlborough & trying them by his severest judgment.

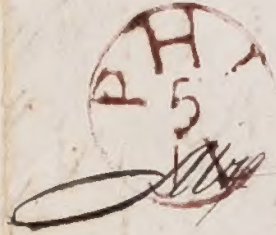
There is no judgment to be decried so much as a spiritual death - But he who has the hearts of all men in his hands has some ^{wise} end in view - This is the way in which he often purifies his Church.

In times of prosperity when religion is lively, & fashionable, it is not difficult ^{for her} to find many advocates; but in times of adversity she is left to mourn in desolate places - Few then are willing to come up to the help ^{of the} Lord against the mighty - who is now willing to stand up & defend the cause of God, who will now weep & mourn over the desolations of Zion - who will plead & wrestle with the Father of mercies day & night & give him no peace until he pour out his blessings - until he revive his cause.

in the midst of them; & send down his spirit with
power into the hearts of careless perishing sinners —

He is the true disciple of the Lord — He who
will ^{not} faint altho' darkness cover his path & he seems
to plead & wait long in vain. The Lords arm is not
shortened that he cannot save, nor his ear heavy
that he cannot hear — Altho' he afflicts, yet he will
not utterly forsake his children — His promises to
them are faithful & exceeding great, & they are equally so
in adversity as in prosperity — Let me interest you,
my friends, not to faint, but be more importunate
as you see your necessities require, for in due time
you shall reap if you faint not — the mouth
of the Lord hath spoken it — There is much, very
much for you to do around you, & I hope the Lord will
enable you to do your duty — Take every oppor-
tunity the Lord shall give you to warn & rebuke
& exhort those who worship with you — pray with
& for them, & O! pray much for your pastor,
whom the Lord has permitted to settle over you,
that he may be faithful, & that the blood of souls
may not be found on his skirt — Do not relax in
your faithfulness, nor give up the truth altho' a host
should rise up against you but patiently persevere
if never doubt for one moment the faithfulness of God,
for he that is for you is more, infinitely more than
they that are agt. you. Be faithful tho' tender towards your
Pastors altho' you should not have your wishes gratified
at once — — Your account of your still afflicted
neighbors is truly affecting. I know not that I ever
felt more for any family, The Lord has chastised
that once highly favoured family with his severe aff-
lictions — May they all be still & know that it is
the Lords will. I hope they will learn to kiss the rod that afflicts them

has sought as Georgia & has formed a number
of societies at the South the Baptists are going to do
much in the work of foreign Missions - Whence
we will receive. - Dr. Rice is soon going to
England - My love to all enquiring
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As Sophia is ~~at~~ I have had no letter for her nor
from my Mother as I recdly this long time I believe
she care nothing about me - Her Luther Rice whom
is in this City now establishing baptist societies
upon foreign Missions He is very active - has an

It is good for us to be afflicted - It weans us from
the world & teaches us the vanity of all things less
below, & the necessity of laying up our treasure
in Heaven, if we be indeed the children of God -

I have nothing very interesting
to communicate to you respecting this city. I think
however religion is rather reviving especially in
some societies - There were ~~more~~ thirty five added to
one Church a few sabbaths since - In Springfield
near Newark, in N. Jersey, there ^{has} been of late been a very power-
ful work of the Spirit. More than one hundred
persons were added to the church in one day. It
has truly been a Pentecost season in that & the
neighboring towns. You ^{have} heard of the wonderful work
in Newark & E. Town not long since - I have just
heard that a powerful work of Grace has commenced
in Wilmington about twenty miles below this. There seems
to be an universal enquiry, what shall we do to be
saved. & that the Lord may carry on this good work
until it spread throughout our Land, & throughout
the world & the time come when it shall ^{not} be ne-
cessary for one to teach his neighbor or brother saying
know the Lord but all shall know him - For this
let us pray - I need not tell you that I wish to be
remembered to our Parents, Brothers & Sisters. This Letter
may be considered as to all - Write soon & when I
am gone to India no excuse must prevent your
writing me often - You will find frequent oppor-
tunities to send to Calcutta for whenever I shall get
them at Bombay when I expect to go - You take the
Panoplist I spoke of. I am dear ~~most~~ Sister your brother in the
Lord C. B. Warren